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called on to speak of it. The best part of it, she felt, was the work of serving the rural pastors of New England by sending them books post-paid both ways, and bulletins of reading lists, etc. Those from the Middle West expressed the need that is felt for such a library in Chicago, to meet the needs of the rural pastors and other social and religious workers of the Mississippi Valley, without regard to denominational lines. It was pointed out that the remnant of the Chicago Theological Seminary Library not needed by the Chicago University, with which the Seminary is becoming affiliated, might form the nucleus of such a library, and it was most earnestly hoped that some broad-minded, warm-hearted man, with sufficient means,

would see in this a supremely great opportunity of serving the country and the cause of Christianity in general.

It was pointed out that some of the seminary libraries were already doing a similar work that was much appreciated. It was felt, however, that Chicago needs a great, interdenominational library to supplement the existing seminary libraries, and so liberal in its management as to make it easy for those without adequate opportunities of securing religious books, to get them.

The meeting then adjourned for informal discussion and conversation.

JOHN F. LYONS,  
Secretary.

## DECIMAL CLASSIFICATION ROUND TABLE

A well-attended round table on decimal classification, conducted by the Advisory committee on decimal classification, was held at the New Monterey Hotel, Wednesday evening, June 28. Many suggestions

were made, which will give additional material for the committee to work on.

Two meetings of the committee were also held during the conference week, at which all nine members were present.

## LEAGUE OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONS

### Mid-year Meeting, Asbury Park, N. J., June 28 and 30, 1916

#### FIRST SESSION

The first session of the League of Library Commissions met in the Ball Room of the New Monterey Hotel, June 28, at 2:30 p. m., Miss Fannie C. Rawson, president, presiding. The following states were represented by one or more members of their commissions and staffs: Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont, Wisconsin.

As the annual meeting of the League is

now held in Chicago in the winter, there was no business transacted.

The program was opened by Miss Mary L. Hopkins of Seaford, Delaware, with an entertaining account of "Book Wagon Delivery" in Sussex County, Delaware.

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In the discussion of this paper, Miss Mary L. Titcomb of Hagerstown, Maryland, told on request some of the details of the work of the book wagon in Washington County, Maryland. Mr. Henry N. Sanborn, of Indiana, reported on the new undertaking of the public library at Plainfield, In-